GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri U.Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer(Retd), Kukatlapalli Beat of Ongole Range of Giddalur Division of Markapur Unit – Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year - Show-cause Notice issued - Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.51 Dated:19-06-2015
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.8945/2014/Vig-2, Dt: 15-10-2014.
2. Govt. Memo.No.6048/SEC.IV/A1/2014-1, Dt:20-02-2015.
3. From Sri U.Rajagopal,FBO(Retd.)further defence,dt:18.5.2015.
4. Govt.Letter No.6048/For.IV/A1/2014-2, Dated:19-05-2015.
5. From the Secy.(FAC), APPSC, Lr.No.457/RT/3/2015, Dt:02.06.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad, has informed that vide Conservator of Forests, Guntur Rc.No.490/2014/M3, Dt:10.03.2014, the Conservator of Forests, Guntur has submitted findings and connected case record in respect of disciplinary case against Sri U. Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer(Retd.) (formerly worked in Kukatlapalli Beat of Ongole Range) and an Article of Charge was issued against Sri U. Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer(Retd.) vide DFO(WL) Markapur Rc.No.634/2011/A3 dt:16.08.2011, on the following count:

Article: I **"that the said Sri G. Venkateswarlu, Forest Section Officer while functioning as Forest Section Officer, Vetapalem Section from 11.08.2008 to till to date, Sri U. Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer working as Forest Beat Officer Kukutlapalli Beat of Vetapalem Section from 06.08.2009 to till to date and Sri K. Sasibhushan Rao Yadav Asst. Beat Officer working as Assistant Beat Officer, Kukatlapallli Beat from 06.08.2009 to till date of Ongole Range have failed to do their legitimate duties by allowing the illicit mining in the RF areas."**

2. The Charged Officer submitted his explanation. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife), Markapur issued Enquiry Notice vide Rc.No.634/2011/A3, dt:11.04.2012. The Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Markapur conducted enquiry on 17.04.2012 & 08.05.2012 and submitted the findings vide Rc.No.634/2011/A3, dt:28.02.2014.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiry Officer findings were communicated to the Charged Officer vide Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests Rc.No.8945/2014/K1, Dt:21.05.2014, in which the Inquiry Officer held the charge proved. The findings were communicated to the Charged Officer and he submitted his further defense statement vide his representation dt:NIL.

4. The Charged Officer retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.05.2011. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

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5. After careful examination of the matter, with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, and material made available, it is observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year on the charged officer Sri U. Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 2nd read above. The Charged Officer submitted his further explanation through the reference 3rd read above and in which he has agreed with the proposed punishment.

7. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 5% cut in pension for a period of (1) one year on the charged officer Sri U. Rajagopal, Forest Beat Officer (Retd.), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

8. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.457/RT/3/2015, Dt:02.06.2015).
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER